

Ambassador to India with news channel CNN-IBN claiming the whole of Arunachal Pradesh as Chinese territory;

(b) whether it is an unfriendly act on his part for making such claim, more so on the eve of the visit of Chinese President of India;

(c) whether it is not a signal of projecting India as a soft State so far its vital territorial interests are concerned; and

(d) whether Government paid a status paper of the floor of the House on this aspect of Indo-Chinese relations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Government has unambiguously rejected the Chinese contention, stating that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India. The matter has also been taken up immediately with the Chinese Government and India's disappointment and concern over the remarks made by the Chinese Ambassador clearly conveyed. This position has also been reiterated on the floor of the House.

Causes for Indo-Pak border dispute

†1695. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of enclave between India and Pakistan which have come into existence due to border dispute;

(b) if so, total number thereof and total land occupied by them; and

(c) the number of those enclaves on which India claim its right?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.